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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the April 20, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 20, 2006. Please find a check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26859-002UTIL. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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